

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image pickup apparatus is provided, which comprises a plurality of image pickup areas formed on a same semiconductor chip and arranged in the horizontal and the vertical directions, each image pickup area having a plurality of pixels arranged in the horizontal and the vertical directions, a plurality of vertical scanning circuits which sequentially scan pixels in the vertical direction to scan a plurality of image pickup areas in the vertical direction independently from each other, a plurality of lenses, at least one of which is provided in each of the plurality of image pickup areas and which focuses light to form an image on the image pickup areas, and a driving circuit which drives the plurality of vertical scanning circuits so that at least a part of a scanning period of each of the plurality of vertical scanning circuits overlaps with each other.